(e) by wnen the Committee set up or the purpose is likeiy to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINiSiRY OF PETROLEUM AND iNAi'UKAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SriAfiA): (a) and (b) A Committee consisting of two former Advisors of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural, Gas and iwo officials from Gas Authority of India Ltd. and Engineers India Ltd. was constituted to suggest, among other things, the general principles for project ii *i* shrnkage on account of extraction of LPG and C2|C3 from natural gas and to examine the pojections made by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Oil India Ltd. and Gas Authority of India Ltd. in thi3 regard.

(c) and (d) Shrinkage occurs in rmal course due to the extraction *oi.* LPG end C2|C3 from na.ural gas.

(e) The Committee has submitted its Report.

**Proposals by Cen.ral region of ONGC for discovery of oil**

256. SHRI MD. SALIM; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC has discovered oil in two wells viz. Ichapur-1 (oligocene sands) and 'Golf Green-1' (Eocene Limestone) in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 9 new locations proposed by the Central Region of ONGC to follow up the discoveries of Golf Green and Tchapur have been turned down by the management of ONGC; and

(c) if BO, what are the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARA): (a) The oil ' shows in these places are insignificant and non-commercial in nature.

(b) and (c) Of the 9 locations pro< posed, one location was for Golt Green area and 4 were for Shanti-> pur-Badculla area which is closer to Ichapur. Of these five, one location (Shantipur-1) $i_s$ already upgraded and scheduled for drilling and another 'A' Category location is already available in Badculla area. Golf Green area is being covered by 3-D seismic surveys. Future programme will be decided only after getting the results of the surveys. The remaining 4 locations were for other areas which were not agreed to because of the discouraging exploratory results *in* those areas or negative techno-economie or or want of additional information.

Oil Exploration by ONGC at Chand -kuri and Ichapur in West Bengal.

257. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHE.R JEE:

SHRIMATI CHANDRA-KALA PANDEY:

Wrl the Minister ?f PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it $i_s$ a fact that ONGC has discovered an oil bearing core from the Palcooene reservoir (with extractable oil) of Chandkuri 1 In Contai area of West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also fact that the ONGC management has intentionally spiked the poposal of the erstwhile* Chairman P. K. Chandra to drill a subsequent well Chandkuri 2 wner« comercial oil pool is expected;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ONGC management is offering the oil bearing area of Tchapur and Chandkuri to foreign oompaniea for oil exploration; and

(d) if BO, the details thereof and reason therefor?